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The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro Chair House Appropriations Committee H-307, The Capitol Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Kay Granger Ranking Member House Appropriations Committee 1036 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting for \$350,000 for Stark County Sheriff's Office Driving Simulator and Body-Worn Cameras at the Stark County Sheriff's Office in Fiscal Year 2023.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Stark County Sheriff's office located at 4500 Atlantic Boulevard NE in Canton, Ohio 44705. The physical address of the project location is the same as the one previously 4500 Atlantic Boulevard NE in Canton, Ohio 44705.

The Stark County Sheriff's Office seeks funds to purchase and install a Law Enforcement Driving Simulator for the Stark County Law Enforcement Training Center and to acquire additional body-worn cameras (BWCs) for officers in the Jail and Civil Divisions. According to the CDC, from 2011-2020, 454 officers died due to motor vehicle-related incidents in the line of duty, making this a major safety concern for law enforcement officers in the United States. These funds would go towards a state-of-the-art simulator that will be used to implement a successful driver training program to improve the knowledge and skills of the members of the Stark County law enforcement community. The Law Enforcement Driving Simulator will give officers the opportunity to learn all that is required to maximize their safety while operating their patrol car and further protect the motoring public. Additionally, funds would be used to expand Stark County's body-worn camera program. BWCs are an important tool to help promote police-community relations and can also provide critical investigatory evidence. This is a good use of taxpayer dollars because it goes towards improving the safety of law enforcement officers and the surrounding community.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Tim Ryan

Member of Congress

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